

REMARKS

By the *Office Action* of 10 September 2004, Claims 1-4, 21-24, and 33-44 are pending in the Application, Claims 1-4, 21-24 and 33-40 rejected, and Claims 41-44 allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 41-44.

By the present *Response and Amendment*, the Applicant cancels Claims 1-4, 21-24 and 33-40, leaving only the allowed Claims pending.

No new matter is introduced by the present *Response and Amendment*. It is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance.

Fees

No Claims fees are due, as the total number of Claims, and independent Claims, is less than that paid upon original filing and prosecution.

Further, this *Response and Amendment* is being filed within three months of the *Office Action*. Thus, it is believed no extension of time fees are due.

Nonetheless, authorization to charge deposit account No. 20-1507 is given herein should fees be due.

CONCLUSION

By the present *Response and Amendment*, the Application has been in placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable action. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 404.885.2773.

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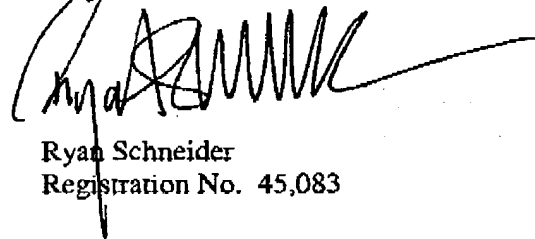
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